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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MODIFIES MONDELLI PLAN

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1595

1. IN NATIONALLY BROADCAST SPEECH AT CGT (REFTEL) MRS. PERON ANNOUNCED SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS TO MONDELLI ECONOMIC PLAN IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN LABOR SUPPORT. IMMEDIATE SALARY INCREASE RAISED FROM 12 TO 20 PERCENT, AUTOMATIC READJUSTMENT OF SALARY LEVELS IN LINE WITH COL INCREASE BEGINNING APRIL 1 AS DETERMINED BY NATIONAL REMUNERATIONS COMMISSION, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS BUT ONLY FOR WORKING CONDITIONS. ALTHOUGH PLENARY MEETING CGT SECRETARIES GENERAL AND REGIONAL DELEGATES DID NOT REJECT HER PROPOSALS, LABOR SUPPORT FOR MONDELLI PLAN IS STILL HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE.

2. IN MARCH 11 DISCUSSIONS CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER TOLD LABATT THAT ORIGINAL PLAN HAD BEEN VOTED DOWN 10 TO 4 IN CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. HOWEVER, PLENARY DID NOT OPENLY REJECT MRS. PERON'S PROPOSALS AS TO HAVE DONE SO WOULD HAVE SIGNIFIED LABOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMMINENT GOLPE. SOURCE SAID THAT CGT HAD EXTREMELY SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH SEVERAL REGIONAL DELEGATIONS OVER ISSUE AND THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES WITH CORDOBA AND CERTAIN OTHER AREAS. HE MENTIONED

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THAT MOST UNIONS WOULD REACH AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRY ON ADDITIONAL

WAGE INCREASES SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY RANK-AND-FILE. HOWEVER,
THE IMPORTANT METAL WORKERS UNION (UOM) WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY
DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITH ITS MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE
OF WIDESPREAD IMPORTANT DEFECTIONS FROM LORENZO MIGUEL'S LEADERSHIP.
SOURCE SAID THAT MONDELLI PLAN WAS OBVIOUSLY UNWORKABLE AND
WOULD NOT RESOLVE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS AS IT WAS NO MORE THAN A
HODGE PODGE OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO PAY NATIONS'S DEBTS. HE
SAID HE EXPECTED SITUATION VIS-A-VIS LABOR POSITION TO BECOME
CLARIFIED WITHIN NEXT THREE OR FOUR DAYS.
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